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SOURCE

1. From 15 to 26 January 1953, machine gun fire and individual reports of guns and mortars were daily heard from the Schweinrich troop training grounds, even on Sundays. At about 9 a.m. on 23 January, several tanks, which apparently had bivouacked there during the night of 22 January, left Jagen (forest section) No 6, about 3.5 km east of Rossow, and went toward Abbau-Rossow.<sup>1</sup>

2. On 24 January, 7 trucks towing a total of 4 AT guns and occupied by a total of about 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets passed through Boergitz, proceeding toward Gardelegen. On 30 January, T-34 tank and SP gun on a T-34 chassis were being unloaded at the Jaevenitz railroad station.<sup>2</sup>

3. At 8:30 a.m. on 1 February, a troop train consisting of an undetermined number of flatcars and boxcars had been assembled at the Doeberitz railroad station. An AT unit with about 12 x 57-mm or 76-mm AT guns ready for loading was seen at the station.<sup>3</sup>

1. Comment. According to another source, advanced combat practice firing of small details started at the Wittstock troop training grounds in early January 1953. The information in this report indicates that infantry weapons as well as artillery and tanks were involved in the practices.

2. Comment. The tanks and AT guns probably belonged to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div which probably moved to the north section of Letzling Heath for advanced combat practice firing, as was observed at other training grounds in East Germany.

3. Comment. The AT unit observed possibly belongs to the 1st Mecz Div and, probably, left for advanced combat practice firing at a troop training grounds.

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